

USACE FINANCE CENTER  
BIWEEKLY REPORT  
PERIOD ENDING 21 JULY 2000

**CEFMS:**

a. Mr. Ray Urena, Headquarters Logistics, was in Huntsville on Thursday 20 July to discuss FEMS. There are a lot of questions still to be answered as to how FEMS will interface with CEFMS, APPMS, REMIS and VIMS. Mr. Urena is bringing a group to Huntsville to meet with the CEFMS Team again on 3-4 Aug. Logistics has had several meetings on the subject and apparently has PRIP funding to implement FEMS. Mr. Urena's perception was that purchase requests, including labor, training and travel, would be entered into FEMS and the data downloaded to CEFMS. We will not agree to that premise since these actions all result in a "commitment of funds", which must be resident in the Financial Management Database.

b. We deployed a capability in CEFMS GUI that had been very productive, a time and machine resource saver in the CEFMS character based version, the capability to terminate (Kill) old CEFMS user sessions that were not completed normally for various reasons. This will provide a couple of key benefits:

(1) If you had an old session that had a record locked as a result of a Form Server crash, or PC re-boot, it will kill that lock so you can continue to process the original transaction.

(2) It will remove runaway processes from the machine that could potentially "eat up" valuable CPU resources.

c. We have completed EFT programming for Credit Card payments. We anticipate placing the code in production early next week.

**PROBLEM REPORTS/IMBALANCES:**

a. The open problem report inventory is 656 versus 593 on the last report. The inventory includes 85 Priority #1 problem reports. The open inventory also includes 14 problem reports related to the CEFMS Modernization/GUI work management effort.

b. Fifty-two (52) of the sixty-two active databases have no imbalances, two (2) have one, one (1) has two, one (1) has three, one (1) has four, two (2) have five, one (1) has eight, one (1) has nine, and one (1) has more than ten. The grand total of

database imbalances across the system is 83 versus 72 on the last report.

**ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS:**

CONSOLIDATION OF OPERATING FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING FUNCTIONS:

UPCOMING CONSOLIDATIONS:

**----CURRENT SCHEDULE COMPLETE----**

NUMBER AND LOCATION OF ON BOARD PERSONNEL:

LOCATION:	NUMBER:
Huntsville	24
Millington	291
Washington	1
Other	1
Total	317

DISBURSING WORKLOAD DATA:

PAYMENTS	As of 06/30/00	Current Month	Year To Date
BY CHECK:			
Checks Issued	223,719	15,712	239,431
Percent of Total	49.9%	45%	49.6%
Dollar Amount	\$2,414,551,197	\$189,440,629	\$2,603,991,826
BY EFT:			
Transfers Made	224,544	19,104	243,648
Percent of Total	50.1%	55%	50.4%
Dollar Amount	\$3,982,531,291	\$336,074,323	\$4,318,605,614

OTHER UFC ISSUES:

a. Four of the Finance Centers senior accountants taught in the Corps of Engineers Financial Management class the week of 17-21 July of San Diego, California. The class had approximately 36 students from various resource management, real estate and project management offices of districts and divisions of USACE. In a meeting between Mr. Steve Butler (CERM-F), Tom Brockman (CEFC-A) and Roger Wolfe (CEFC-Q) on 17 July, Mr. Butler advised that he would develop course material and assume training responsibility for USACE managerial accountants in FY2002. The USACE Finance Center will instruct the two classes scheduled for FY2001 to allow Mr. Butler sufficient time to develop the course training material.

b. The USACE Finance Center mailed six (6) Civil Works Appropriations Disbursing Station (DSSN) deactivation requests to the U.S. Treasury on 20 July. We now have seventeen civil disbursing stations closed and eight requests for closure to Treasury. The only remaining station is HECSA, which will become eligible for closure in October 2000. The HECSA action will complete the reconciliation and closure of the twenty-six Civil Works Appropriations Disbursing Stations consolidated by the Finance Center.

c. The USACE Finance Center Disbursing Division is applying for a Merchant Number and ordering a Credit Card terminal from Bank of America to establish the capability accept customer payments via credit card. The credit card service will provide a customer service for payment in lieu of mailing a check to the Finance Center and the service will facilitate the USACE Finance Centers movement towards electronic commerce.

d. We are in the process of renewing our memorandum of agreement with the Memphis District. The District provides the UFC with support services for functions such as human resources (CPAC), office of counsel, EEO, and logistics (vehicles).

e. OPM will be providing instruction for the Basic Supervisory Classification Training course at the UFC on 25-26 Jul 00. Two UFC employees will attend the training, along with several employees from the Memphis District.